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SUBJECT: INTEREST OF A. M. JAYASINHA IN POSITION OF
SECRETARY OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

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1. A. M. JAYASINHA, SRI LANKA REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO, TOLD U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO FEBRUARY 22 THAT REASON HE HAD EARLIER ASKED FOR ADDRESS OF DR. ROY MOREY OF DEPARTMENT (IO) WAS TO WRITE HIM AND INDICATE HIS PERSONAL INTEREST IN POSITION OF SECRETARY TO WORLD FOOD COUNCIL. HE INFORMED U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN CONFIDENCE, POINTING OUT THAT HE DID NOT NEED TO HUNT FOR A JOB, SINCE HE WAS TO BE TRANSFERRED JANUARY 28 TO GENERAL DIPLOMATIC POSITION IN LONDON. HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED HIS ASSIGNMENTS TO ROME AND LONDON AT PERSONAL DECISION OF PRIME MINISTER.

2. MOREY CAME TO KNOW JAYASINHA QUITE WELL AS ONE OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF MOREY'S SECOND COMM DURING WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, AND PAUL BYRNES OF DEPARTMENT (IO) HAS KNOWN HIM LONGER THAN PRESENT U.S. REPRESENTATIVE. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE WOULD LIKE TO RECORD, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAS BEEN QUITE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY JAYASINHA. HE IS WELL IDENTIFIED WITH AND RESPECTED BY GROUP-77 BLOC, BUT HAS OFTEN MADE

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EFFORTS TO BRIDGE GAPS BETWEEN GROUP-77 AND GROUP-B. AL-
THOUGH HE PURSUED HIS COUNTRY'S FERTILIZER PROPOSAL PERSISTENTLY
IN WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS, HE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY
BEFORE CONFERENCE ITSELF TO TEST U.S. REACTION, TO SEE WHETHER
THERE WAS ANY POINT IN HIS CONTINUING TO PRESS IT. VIC CKILES
OF AID HAS ALSO BEEN FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY JAYASINHA. ONLY
SHORTCOMING WE HAVE NOTED HAS BEEN TENDENCY SOMETIMES TO TALK TOO
MUCH AND LONG IN CONFERENCES.

3. IN VIEW OF VIDAL-NAQUET'S INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING GOOD RE-
LATIONSHIP FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL
JOHN HANNAH (LAST PARA, REFTL), WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF DEVELOP-
ING COUNTRIES, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE I PREPARED TO REPORT
JAYASINHA'S INTEREST TO VIDALANAQUET, IF DEPARTMENT SO AUTHORIZES.
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